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Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan

Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the Abruzzo Culture



FADM CHRISTMAS PARTY BRINGS CHEER AND HAPPINESS TO YOUNG KIDS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January:

January 3, 2012

Gen. Mbrshp Mtg
IACS 7:00 PM

January 17, 2012:

Board Mtg. 6:30 PM

February:

February 7, 2012:

General Mbrshp Meeting
IACS 7:00 PM

February 21, 2012:

Board Meeting 6:30 PM

February 9 2012:

FADM/IACS Film Series
IACS—7:30 PM

March:

March 4, 2012:

Bariciano Club— Club
Caboto

Bocce Tournament and
Porchetta event

March 6, 2012:

General Mbrship Meeting
Italian American Club of
Livonia. 6:00 PM

Contact Michelle Hages-
Talbot for details and rides.
313-268-2966

March 8, 2012:

FADM /IACS Film Series –
TBD

March 10, 2012:

FADM Annual Gala
Villa Penna 6:00 PM

March 20, 2012:

Board Meeting 7:00 PM

March 25, 2012:

Miss Abruzzese Pageant
Deadline

Old Saint Nick had his hands full on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at Zuccaro's Banquet Center in Clinton Township. Over 200 members and children of the FADM and Gagliano Aterno Club helped bring in the Christmas season with food, fun, fellowship and of course lots of presents for the children. In keeping with the FADM mission to preserve and promote the Abruzzo culture, the event was introduced by the FADM Children's Choir who sang Italian Christmas carols, like "Tu Scendi dalle Stelle" and "Santa Notte" as well as traditional songs like "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." The group, comprised of Juliana Cavaliere, Angelina Cavaliere, Angela Ferrante, Marcella Staricco and Alex Biondo had been practicing for six (6) weeks for this performance. After dinner, the audience was treated to entertainment by the "Cima di Abruzzo" folklore group with traditional Italian songs. The group, comprised of Lucio D'Aloisio, Roberto Cicchelli and Maria Cicchini sang and serenaded groups around the hall.

When Santa arrived, he was assisted by three (3) wonderful helpers in Sam Tornberg, Adrianne Paglia and Nina Cicchelli (our Miss Abruzzese for 2011) with the children ran to the stage as he greeted each one with a warm welcome and a list (some say the list is for who has been naughty or nice). Santa said he did not want to leave such a wonderful party, but had to go to see other kids and families around the world.



Member Spotlight



Angelo DiCesare

- Angelo DiCesare was 94 years old in 2011 and what a life he has led. Born in Tollersburg, Colorado in the USA in 1917. He is one of 4 brothers. His father, who was a coal miner, decided to pack up the family and return to Gagliano Aterno, Italy in 1920. While in Italy, he was in the Military Militia Band. He and his group would travel to all the provinces and towns and perform for the citizens. His group once entered a big Band Tournament in Torino and came in second only to Verona. He returned to the USA in 1937, he went to work at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn in 1939 and proceeded to work there for 35 years until his retirement in 1973. He met his wife Frances in 1941. After a short engagement, they were married on February 14, 1942. Together they had two children; Domenic and Antonette. Today they have five (5) grandchildren, nine (9) great grandchildren, and now, as of today, they have three (3) great great grandchildren. There are five (5) generations of the DiCesare family today. This year he and Frances will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary together. Very proud of his Italian roots, he is also proud to be from Gagliano Aterno and the Abruzzo Region. We congratulate you and your wife on an anniversary well deserved.



Angelo and Frances DiCesare

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Our January Membership meeting will take place at the *Italian American Cultural Center* located at 43843 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, MI, 48038. Telephone number is 586-757-2626.

OOPS, CORNER:

We are revising our Birthday and anniversary database. If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, we do not have it on file. Please email me or call me and I will add it to our database. Enzo Paglia 248-656-5052 or email at automan25@aol.com. We want to acknowledge Angelo DiCesare for his September 7 birthday..

FADM/IACS FILM SERIES:

Thursday, January 5, 2012: The Film Series Returns for the 2012 season with a screening of "Divorce Italian Style" starring Marcello Mastroianni and Daniela Rocca. Baron Fefè Cefalù is a Sicilian nobleman bored of life and of wife Rosalia: he falls in love with young and beautiful cousin Angela, who spends summers in the same palace. Since divorce is impossible in Italy in the 1960s, he decides to kill the wife, knowing that sentence would be very light if he proved that he committed murder for a matter of honour, i.e. when he found the wife together with another man. Therefore, he starts finding a lover for Rosalia, using Carmelo Patané, a painter well-known by her. Call Antonio DiGiorgio at 286-3247 for information. Show time is at 7:30 PM. Five (5) dollar donation at the door include film and popcorn.

FADM/IACS FILM SERIES:

Thursday, February 9, 2012: Grazia (Golino) is a mother of three who spends suffocating days packing fish while her husband Pietro (Amato) is at sea. Her oft-erratic behavior leads Pietro into thinking she may need medical attention, and he prepares to send her off to a psychiatric institute in Milan. Their son Pasquale (Casisa), the one person who understand his mother the most, vows to do whatever it takes to foil his father's plan. Call Antonio DiGiorgio at 286-3247 for information. Show time is at 7:30 PM. Five (5) dollar donation at the door include film and popcorn.

BARICIANO CLUB—BOCCE TOURNAMENT AND PORCHETTA DINNER:

Sunday, March 4, 2012: Club Caboto. Join the Bariciano Club in celebrating their annual Bocce Tournament and Porchetta Dinner. Call Frank Simone at 586-770-3287 for information and details.

MISS ABRUZZESE PAGEANT:

Sunday, March 25, 2012 is the deadline for submitting your application for the 2012 Miss Abruzzese Queen Pageant. Let's show the world the beauty and poise of our young ladies. Winner will work with our Pageant Team to prepare her for the Miss Columbus Day Pageant. Application is on page 8 and on our website. Call Pam Vanderziel at 586-286-6049 for information

FADM ANNUAL GALA:

Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Villa Penna's. Come join us in an evening of celebration with music and dancing as we celebrate the beginning of our second decade. Please watch for the flyers and information to be sent out in the next newsletter. Invite a friend and of course your family to this great event. Contact Frank Serraiocco at 313-527-6193 for information and tickets.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Every year at our Annual Gala in February, we honor a member who has made significant contributions to the Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan for the past year. A nomination form is on Page 9 of this edition and is also on our website at federazioneabruzzo.com/ Nominations must be received no later than Friday, February 10, 2012.

MEMBERSHIP:

All memberships are valid for one year starting January 1 and ending December 31. Attached is a Membership Renewal application on page 10. Please consider renewing now for 2012 and avoid the Holiday hustle and bustle. If you have friends who would like to join, have them call our membership chairman or give us their name and address for a follow up mailing to invite them to join. Remember, we have also started the "Friends of Abruzzo" program where non-Abruzzese can join and enjoy some of the benefits of membership. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Enzo Paglia at 248-656-5052.

STEWARDSHIP:

Federation activities are fun, entertaining, and cultural. We look forward to enjoying the fellowship and, what else, the food everyone prepares for our fabulous potlucks and get togethers. We enjoy the videos, the music and the stories and histories of our family trees and ancestral homes in Italy. The events seem to flow together effortlessly. This is true because of the members who have joined in and become part of a committee to put an event together. Joining a committee is fun and rewarding. When you have the power of many the tasks are minor and the job is done with ease. When you renew your Membership for 2012 be sure to indicate which committee you are interested in and your phone number. The Chairman of the committee will call you for meetings. Remember, we can do more, we can do much, and we can do much more. All we need is everyone to do his or her part.



NOTICES: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: 2011

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p><u>Oops!</u></p> <p>If we missed your Birthday, Anniversary or other Notice, please contact: Enzo Paglia 248-656-5052 or automan25@aol.com. We will post in next newsletter.</p>	<p>01/01: Lelio D'Aristotile 01/03: Victoria Badia 01/04: Nick Colonnese 01/04: Chiarina DiVirgilio 01/04: Patricia Piccirilli 01/04: Ferdinando Ulisse 01/05: Myles Talbot 01/05: Vincent Vivio 01/05: Rose Carmela-Goddard 01/07: Madelena DelGreco 01/08: Denise Cicchelli 01/08: Sarah Corsetti 01/09: Elio Bucciarelli 01/10: Emilio Schmidt 01/13: Frank Serraiocco Jr. 01/14: Rocco Gatti 01/14: Catherine Calvano-Goddard 01/14: Joe Amicangelo 01/17: Antonio DelVillano 01/18: Pietro DelGreco 01/19: Miranda Manzo 01/22: Larry Duffield 01/21: Viola DeFelice 01/23: Theresa Di Giorgio 01/24: Concetta Morelli 01/24: Gino Di Carlo 01/26: Mary Bucciarelli 01/29: Mary Marzolo 01/20: Carmine Volpe 01/30: Mario De Cesare</p>	<p>02/03: Vilfredo Polombella 02/04: Anthony Paglia 02/04: Lina Santilli 02/05: Alexander Serraiocco 02/05: Bellonia Zaccagnini 02/06: Maria D'Aristotile 02/06: Paul Paglia 02/07: Domenic Andreassi 02/07: Michela Ruvolo 02/09: Peter A. Fuciarelli 02/10: Giuseppe D'Aristotile 02/11: Sergio Schmidt 02/13: Ivo Cicchitti 02/15: Luca Serraiocco 02/16: Gaetano Ciavattone 02/16: Nick Paglia 02/18: Angelina Cavaliere 02/20: Louis Angerilli 02/21: Marco Centi 02/21: Michael Morgan 02/22: Cynthia Zaccagnini 02/22: Antonio D'Aristotile 02/23: Cecilia D'Aristotile 02/22: Dolcie DeNardo 02/23: John Zaccagnini 02/26: Mirella Pelini</p>	<p>03/03: Nellina Serraiocco 03/04: Peter G. Fuciarelli 03/07: Nicodemo Melone 03/11: Fiore Panepucci 03/11: Tina Di Cesare 03/12: Carmine Pamieri 03/14: Gilda DeFelice 03/14: Catherine Pannepucci 03/15: Rocco D'Aristotile 03/17: Maria Stante 03/19: Antonietta DiCarlo 03/19: Rosemary Lupo 03/20: Maria D'Aristotile 03/24: Domenico D'Luca 03/30: John Di Giustino</p>

Members in Uniform

Army Navy

Jason Anthony Natale
Chief Petty Officer
Navy Special Forces

Air Force National Guard Marines

Please submit the names of your family members to:
Enzo Paglia
FADM
PO Box 545
Sterling Heights, MI,
48311. Or, email me at
automan25@aol.com

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
01/23: Pietro and Michelle Del Greco	02/14: Angelo and Frances DiCesare CONGRATULATIONS ON 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN 2012.	03/10: Sergio and Marcella Paglia 03/10: John and Lina Santilli 03/20: Pierino and Rina Di Virgilio



RICETTE ABRUZZESE - POLENTA AL RAGU DI MAIALE

INGREDIENTS:

Ingredients for 4 people

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 small onion
2 fennel
Farro peeled 200 gr
Beans 160 gr
1 clove garlic
2 stalks celery
1 tablespoon chopped rosemary
1 l water and 1 / 2
Toast
Salt

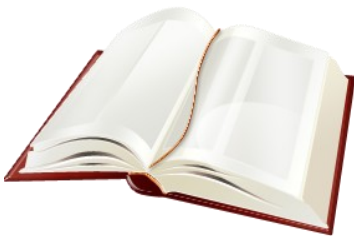
PREPARATION

Soak the beans overnight and spelled in separate bowls.
Chop the onion and cut the fennel and celery into thin slices. Do imbiodire the onion in a clay pot, then add the fennel and cook for a few minutes. Pour water into the pot, the farro, beans, celery, garlic and rosemary, salt and cook over low heat. Cut the bread into cubes, arrange in bowls and pour the soup hot.

Have a special recipe or a family favorite you want to share?

**Send to:
Enzo Paglia at
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IL SEGRETO DELL'AMORE di Enrica Serone

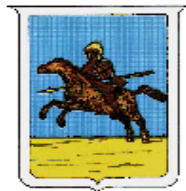


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Solo allora
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dell'eterno DIO
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Finite.
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A posare un bacio
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suggello.

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SAVE THE DATE!!!! **ANNUAL GALA NIGHT**

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EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

FADM NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Our FADM newsletter is celebrating it's eighth year as a continuous source of information for the Abruzzese Community in the Southeast Michigan area.

We have and will continue to highlight events and programs that will continue to promote the Abruzzo culture.

As such we would like to give the newsletter a "Name or Title".

What better way to do so than to give our members the opportunity to give us their suggestions.

We will be accepting "Names " for the newsletter until Friday, March 2, 2012. Mail to:

FADM
c/o Newsletter "Name" Contest
PO Box 545
Sterling Heights, MI 48311

The Board of Directors will select the winner and the new "Name" will begin with the April edition.

The winner will receive a set of two coffee Mugs with the FADM logo on it.



FADM FLOAT CONTEST

The FADM float has won many awards and accolades since it was built over 10 years ago by some of our founding members. It has been entered in many local parades. Throughout the years, the float has become a symbol of our Federation and the Abruzzese community.

With the FADM entering into it's second decade and with an increasing membership base, we would like to update and / or redesign the float to better represent the Abruzzese community at large.

Please submit your design to:

FADM

C/O "FADM Float committee"

PO Box 545, Sterling Heights, MI 48311

by March 30, 2012 to be considered for the contest. The design can be a picture, drawing or idea concept.

The winner will be selected by the Board of Directors with the counsel of the Float Committee and will receive a \$50 gift certificate.

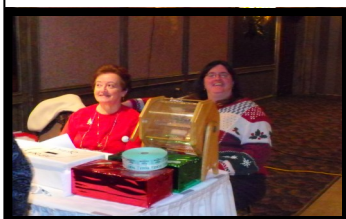
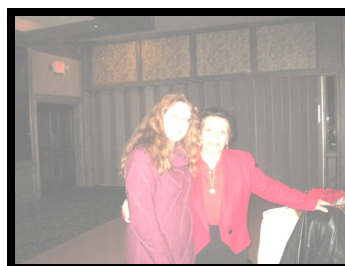
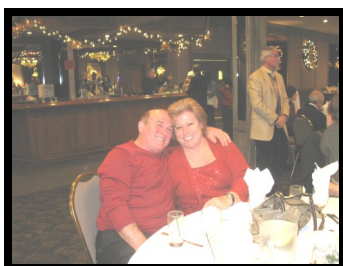
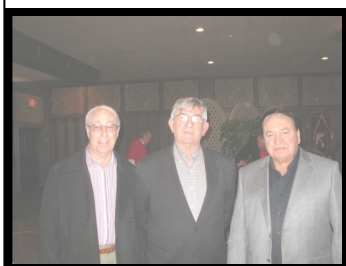
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IMAGES AND PICTURES FROM THE FADM/ GA CHRISTMAS PARTY





-ABRUZZO HERITAGE- **MARIO FRATTI**



Mario Fratti, born in **L'Aquila, Abruzzo, Italy,** July 5, 1927 is an Italian playwright. After graduating at the Ca' Foscari in Venice, Fratti started writing at the end of the 1950's with a rich dramatic prose.

He wrote his first play "Tape", in 1959 and won recognition and a contest from RAI, but unfortunately it was never aired. Judged too subversive, the drama tells the refusal of some partisans to confess under torture, then they were shot by the fascists.

After a youthful poetic experience, the author has survived and thrived for thirty years writing for the theater. Even a novel at the beginning of his literary life, his home town and set in Venice during the period of fascist dictatorship and after the Liberation, unpublished at the time and that next year will see the light of the types of Graus Publisher. After this disappointing experience, he chose to write plays.

In 1962 at the Spoleto Festival presented his one-act play "Suicide" impressed Lee Strasberg, who invited him to attend the Actor's Studio in New York. This cast him in the hotbed of the New York avant-garde theater and helped him to become successful. This led to his move to New York City from L'Aquila in 1963 and has been in the USA since.

As of today, he has produced more than 90 works. He welcomes criticism and is quick to defend his work.. His style is perfectly compatible with the character of American culture, different from the redundancies, the metaphors and nuances typical of the European theater.

He has studied and researched language and has complete mastery of the English language and deep knowledge of American literature. He now teaches in New York at the prestigious Columbia University and at Hunter College, where he had been teaching until a few years ago. In addition to his writing achievements, he also serves as New York drama critic for nine European newspapers.

His works, translated into 20 languages were represented in 600 theaters around the world. From America to Europe, from Russia to Japan, from Brazil to China, from Canada to Australia. They are noted for the immediacy of theatrical writing, dry and sharp as the political and social complaint that he unveiled.

Fratti also wrote comedies and musicals. Nine, one of his plays written in 1981 and loosely based on the Federico Fellini film 8 ½, the musical has become a huge public success and has won critical acclaim, a true phenomenon, with over two thousand theatrical performances. The latest version, with Antonio Banderas in the lead role, remained for many months at the Eugene O'Neil Theater Billboard theater on Broadway.

There have been 36 productions of Nine in the USA, one in London, one in Paris and one in Tokyo. Fratti has won a long list of theater awards including, Mention Award Selection for short plays, Richard Rogers Award, the 'Outer Critics Award, the 'Heritage and Culture Award, eight Drama Desk Awards and seven "Tony Award" awards. The "Tony Award" in the theater is like the Oscars for the film, And, in 2000 was a recipient of the Otto Award for Political Theater



Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan



Date _____

Member Name: _____

Recommended By: _____

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FADM
C/O- Member of Year Award
P.O. Box 545
Sterling Heights
MI., 48311

The Member of the Year will be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors based on the merits of the nominations received. The award will be presented at the Annual Gala Night on March 10, 2012.



Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan

Membership Renewal Application 2012

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Birth Date: _____.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30 – Individual for 18 years or older | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25 – College Students | |

Please Return Form and Check to:

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Membership Chairman

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Make checks to: FADM

Or, you can also go to www.federazioneabruzzese.com and pay with Paypal.

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Please indicate which committees you might be interested in joining:

Audit, Historian, Elections, Compassion, Cultural – Travel, Social, Youth, Fund Raising,
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About Our Organization - Goals

- A. Unite and represent clubs, organizations, and people of Abruzzese origin, or legally married to people of such origin;
- B. Protect, defend, and increase the Abruzzese cultural identity in every field of human endeavor
- C. Involve the Abruzzese in recreational, social, ethnic, religious, and sports activities and functions;
- D. Facilitate and promote contacts and cultural and commercial exchanges with the Abruzzo Region, and with the other Abruzzo Federations, clubs, and associations in Italy, Michigan, and the world;
- E. Promote relations with American institutions, and with private and public organizations of Italian and Abruzzese origin;
- F. Provide scholarships and promote cultural exchange between Abruzzese students at the high school, undergraduate and graduate college level;
- G. Promote any other activity compatible with the spirit of these By-Laws

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Reflections of our time.



As with every new year that comes our way, we always, although not very devoutly, make new years resolutions. Some are easy to do (I promise to wake up every morning to a coffee, cappuccino, etc). Some are not as easy after the first few attempts (I will exercise every morning). Others we have to plan and research and come to some sort of conclusion as to how to approach the subject, what planning is required, what sacrifices are needed, etc. I have concluded that I like this approach to doing and planning just about everything that we commit to resolve to do. For instance, I'm going to do a lot of research on just when to get the paper from the drive way and bring it in to read. Additional research may be needed as to when I have a cup of coffee. Do I have one before I read the paper or doing I have one after? Maybe I'll have one while I'm reading the paper. Lot's of research. Lot's of practice.

The same could be said about the FADM. We have had about 10 years experience and research on what we are and where we should be going in the future. The Board of Directors sets an agenda, but how do we follow it. It is not always a direct line. The Resolution for this year though is that we will continue to march to the beat of following our mission, "to preserve and promote the Abruzzo culture" here in Michigan. That takes practice and research, and we should never stop.

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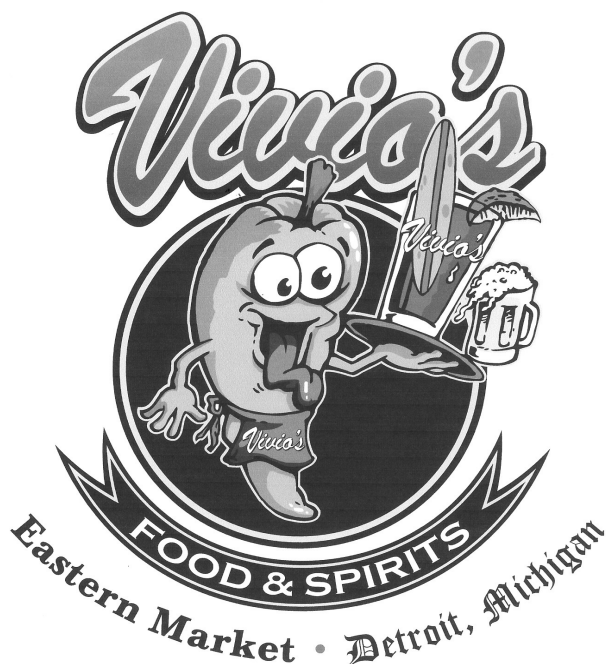
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FEAST DAYS OF ABRUZZO
JANUARY

January 16: Fara Fillorum Petri: “Le Farchie”

Huge bundles of canes are set fire to honour St. Anthony the Abbot.

January 16, 17: Collelongo: “Le Cottore”

Big copper pots where corn, called cicerocchi, is boiled in a procession of girls bearing copper pots decorated with flowers and ribbons.

January 16, 17: Villavallelonga: “La Panarda”

A rich ritual banquet performing scenes of the saint's victory over temptations.

January 16, 17: Ovindoli: “S. Antonio Abate”

Animals are blessed in the public square. Mosto cotton and cakes tasting.

January 17: Scanno: “S. Antonio Barone”

Rich families offer a rich dish of “sagne” seasoned with ricotta and blessed by a priest.

January 20: Ortona: “San Sebastiano”

A procession in honour of St. Sebastian. In Piazza San Tommaso a model of a boat is set alight.

January 23: San Martino Sulla Marrucina: “I Santi Sposi”

A wedding scene of St. Mary and Joseph is performed in the church of San Cristinziano.

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